

## FROM THE PARAGRAPHISTS.

England and Russia are getting ready to put war on the continuous-show basis. —Chicago News.

The Shafter-Scoville match did not demonstrate conclusively the relative might of the sword and pen. —Philadelphia Ledger.

It is more or less comforting to reflect that the board of strategy never will be missed when the end of the war passes it out of existence. —Pittsburg News.

While Schley only gets a second rate in points, as compared with Sampson, the opinion of the nation in the matter must make the former feel first rate. —Philadelphia Times.

Senator Hanna is right. The coming issues of American politics are not the questions of the past, but the new issues arising from the war, and great and sufficient they are. —N. Y. Sun.

A young Pennsylvania farmer has been arrested for catching a pretty girl on the road and imprinting a kiss on her rosy cheek. Now, Hobson, see what your example is doing. —Richmond Times.

Sir William Marriott says Great Britain—in his opinion—wants not an alliance, but a good understanding with the United States. Sir William will find himself in pretty good agreement with the American people. —New York Tribune.

## DEARTH OF MEXICAN CATTLE.

The cattle supply of Mexico is nearly exhausted. This is attributed to the extraordinary demand for Mexican cattle which commenced about two years ago. The cattle used were drawn from Chihuahua and Sonora averaging 5,000 to 6,000 heads monthly. The movement in live stock in the last twelve months has been very remarkable. This demand is unabated, and the consequence has been the almost total depletion of Northern Mexico's herds of cattle. The Mexican cattlemen have made money out of their ranches, but they are now compelled to cease shipping or they will have no breed cattle left. Cattle can be raised much cheaper in Northern Mexico than in the border states of the United States. The grazing fields are much more extensive. Mexican cowboys can be employed very cheap and water is plentiful.

## BIG PRICE FOR A BROKEN HEART.

Not long since a Danville, Ill., jury ordered the male defendant in a breach of promise case to pay the competent sum of \$51,333.33 to the afflicted fair one. Though it is a pretty high estimate of blighted affection, there is another estimate which, if not in dollars and cents exactly as high, yet in general consideration of excellence reaches as lofty an altitude. This is the estimate of the people as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for constipation. The action of this gentle but effective laxative is never accompanied by the griping so marked in the operation of most cathartics. It is an incomparable remedy for and preventive of indigestion, rheumatic and kidney complaints, and a promoter of appetite and sleep.

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## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Some circus people have an idea that if they show their undershirts in the parade they look like Romans. —Atchison Globe.

Not being able to bend his knee wouldn't affect the visit of the Prince of Wales to this country, but he'd doubtless be called on to crook his elbow. —Philadelphia Times.

"Cuba needs 10,000 mules," says Gen. Gomez. This is in line with establishing a stable government, of course. —Galveston News.

"The most aggravating whistler," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "is the fellow who starts up every time you do." —Indianapolis Journal.

"Talk of the seat of war," said the innate young man to the giddy young woman, "you just ought to see us fight every evening at our boarding-house for the one hammock chair." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

The New Girl—What was that peculiar noise I heard in the hall outside my door, this morning? Mistress (timidly)—It must have been my husband calling you. —Philadelphia North American.

## ALFALFA-FED LAMBS.

Stockmen in this country may well learn from the Pecos country.

A recent report from Fort Worth says: "A western sheep grower of considerable experience remarked that a factor of some importance in the best market was the growing consumption of mutton. This he attributed to the improved quality of the mutton offered during the past year. \* \* \* He also said that the sudden growth in public favor of the mutton was largely due to the lamb-feeding industry which during the past year assumed such large proportions. He noted the increase of the alfalfa feeding business on the Pecos river and stated that the flesh of the alfalfa fattened lamb was equal in flavor to the choicest product of the Ohio valley. He thought that many people avoided mutton, fearing to encounter that 'wooly taste,' but on experience with western fattened lambs they will become regular consumers and their prejudice against mutton will disappear, and in this way beef sales will encounter more and more competition daily, and this competition, he thought was already rapidly growing."

The fattening of lambs on alfalfa is an industry that is just opening up in the Pecos Valley. Up to this time the lambs have been sold and shipped to Texas and Colorado points, but sheepmen are now arranging to feed the lambs right here in the valley. It has proven profitable in regions less favored than this; and there is no doubt but that the fattest success will follow here.

Thus one by one Eddy and the Pecos valley are adding to their profitable industries. —New Mexican.

## What Tommy Said.

Uncle John—Well, what do you mean to be when you get to be a man?

Little Tommy (promptly)—A doctor, like pa.

Uncle John (quizzically)—Indeed; and which do you intend to be, an allopath or a homoeopath?

Little Tommy—I don't know what them awful big words mean, Uncle John; but that don't make no difference, 'cause I ain't goin' to be either of 'em. I'm just goin' to be a family doctor an' give all my patients Hood's Sarsaparilla, 'cause my pa says that if he is a doctor, he's 'bliged to own up that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best family medicine he ever saw in his life.

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